

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. – 5. (Canceled).
6. (Currently Amended) ~~Seeter~~ Vector pXT-dapCexp having the restriction map shown in Figure 2 and deposited as DSM 13254 in *Corynebacterium glutamicum*.
7. (Previously Amended) A coryneform bacterium comprising the vector of claim 6.
8. – 14. (Withdrawn-Canceled).
15. (Canceled).
16. – 17. (Withdrawn).
18. (Canceled).
19. (Currently Amended) An isolated DNA encoding a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4, wherein said protein has N-succinylaminokeptopimelate transaminase activity.
20. (Previously Amended) An isolated DNA comprising nucleotides 91 to 1191 of SEQ ID NO:3.
21. (Previously Amended) A coryneform bacterium comprising the isolated DNA of claims 19 or 20.
22. (Canceled).
23. (Canceled).

24. (Previously Added) An isolated coryneform bacterium comprising the DNA of nucleotides 91 to 1191 of SEQ ID NO:3.

25. (Previously Added) An isolated polynucleotide consisting of at least 15 consecutive nucleotides selected from SEQ ID NO:1, wherein said isolated polynucleotide is a primer in a polymerase chain reaction to produce a polynucleotide encoding a N-succinylaminoketopimelate transaminase.